

## Remember friend ... God Loves You!

Is your life really the "life in all it's fullness" that Christ promised in His Word? Amidst a world of fear and anger, self and rebellion, you can have the joy and peace of knowing Christ in a personal way, and being assured of heaven.

### THE SCRIPTURES SAY:

"There is not a single man who is righteous, there is not one who understands, or who seeks for God. All men have turned away from God, they have all gone wrong. No one is good, not even one." ([Romans 3:10-12](#)) But can't good works assure me of eternal life?

They are no solution to our problem of sin. They in no way give us the abundant life Jesus Christ wants us to have. WHY? Because...

### WE ARE ALL SINNERS BEFORE GOD:

[Romans 3:23](#) tells us "All men have sinned and are far away from God's saving presence."

### THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN IS SPIRITUAL DEATH:

"For the wages of sin is death (spiritual death), but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

([Rom. 6:23](#))

### WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES:

"For by grace have you been saved (from eternal death) through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

([Eph. 2:8-9](#))

No one can climb their way to heaven. None of us are worthy of obtaining eternal life.

In [John 3:3](#), we read about a very, very religious person named Nicodemus. Yet, Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he can not see the kingdom of God."

YOU respect life and probably know a great deal about being born, but do you know how to be "born again"? By going to a particular church? Being baptized? Good works? The Golden Rule? Just feeling sorry? NO!

By acknowledging your sin and rebellion to God, trusting in His finished work on the cross, and asking Him personally to take over the control of your life, you can be assured that your sins are forgiven.. and that you have eternal life!

The Bible tells us.. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

([1 Peter 3:18](#))

The purpose of Christ's coming to earth was to give us the way to obtain eternal life, through trust in Him.

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar." ([1 John 1:8-10](#))

"He that believeth (trusts) not the Son (as personal Savior) shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

([John 3:36](#))

Christ, the Good shepherd, also came "...in order that they (you and I) might have life, life in all it's fullness."

([John 10:10](#))

### IF YOU WERE TO DIE TONIGHT, WHERE WOULD YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

If you are unsure that you have eternal life, pray a prayer similar to this, and be sure!

***Lord, I confess I am a sinner. I recognize that I can do nothing to save myself from an eternity in hell.***

***Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I now trust in you (Jesus Christ) to be my personal Savior and Lord of my life, and hereby commit my life to you for all eternity.***

(If you prayed this prayer, please [let us know](#), that we may help you in your commitment to Christ)

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## "Voodoo you trust?"

*"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12*



### The Force of Voodoo?

God is manifest through the spirits of ancestors who can bring good or harm and must be honored in ceremonies. There is a sacred cycle between the living and the dead. Believers ask for their misery to end. Rituals include prayers, drumming, dancing, singing and animal sacrifice.

<http://www.artmediahaiti.com/amh/index.html>

Using **witchcraft, sorcery, magic, charms, voodoo, etc.**, to give yourself power or influence over others in a supernatural manner is asking Satan to use you.

[http://www.biblebelievers.com/morton\\_demon.html](http://www.biblebelievers.com/morton_demon.html)

### The Fear of Voodoo

On Sunday, November 17, 1996, the popular A&E channel aired "America's Mysterious Places." It presented witchcraft in Salem and early New England along with voodoo in New Orleans as benign. Spokespersons for voodoo said, "We are descendants of those slaves carried here from Africa who brought voodoo with them."

The purpose of voodoo was explained as simply serving the spirits and worshipping the gods and goddesses. Not a word about the curses which terrify the populace where voodoo is practiced. The program showed favorable depictions of the serpent god. A voodoo priestess explained that she was the equivalent of a Catholic priest or a Jewish rabbi. Such erroneous statements left viewers misinformed-duped, in fact. <http://www.ankerberg.com>

## ***The Faith or Voodoo - where is your trust?***

When a person is born again he is placed in Christ and comes in him, and the believers with Christ is his destiny certain. John is here comforted by reminding them of this and reassuring them by insisting there is **nothing Satan or anyone else can do about it.**  
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## ***The Frail Force of Voodoo***

### ***Voodoo-dominated Benin opening to message of Christ***

"...Followers of voodoo were freed of demonic influences affecting their minds and bodies, Bonnke said.

Believers in the dark religion seek to communicate with spirits through pagan rituals and can become possessed, causing physical sickness and mental torment, he said. "Escape from its serpent-like coils is impossible, except by the power of the Gospel."...

Demonstrations of God's protective power have convinced many to become Christians. Voodoo believers threatened to kill members of a Christian church in a southwestern village, Roman said. About 15 men came into the church with machetes on a Sunday morning and warned the worshipers not to return. The men gathered outside the church the next Sunday but wouldn't come near it.

**"They said large, muscular men in white robes were guarding the building," Roman said. "I believe they were angels."**



..Voodoo worshipers are in awe of a Christian church in Akpome. Local voodoo followers donated land to Christian workers for the church, but intentionally put idols on the property to prevent them from building. Christian workers cut down the idols and built the church to the astonishment of the villagers, Baptist Press reported.

...When an indigenous Christian evangelist in the village refused to participate in voodoo rituals, witch doctors attempted to put a curse on him but failed, and one of the witch doctors mysteriously died a few days later. When the others asked the worker where his power came from, he told them it came from Jesus Christ. "We need to know more about this Jesus," they said.  
<http://home.swipnet.se/~w-93281/demvoodoo.htm>

**A three-day outreach is taking place in one of the world's centers of voodoo.** Indigenous evangelistic teams are being assisted by workers from Youth With A Mission's Mercy Ship in Zougbodji, Benin, in West Africa Dec. 27-29, according to Intercessors for America.

**...The area is the location of a former slave port** with its infamous "tree of no return," and is a world center for voodoo. Zoubodji tribal chiefs have not permitted evangelism or any church-planting activity, but a spiritual breakthrough occurred recently and "prayer centers" and outreaches have been welcomed by the chiefs, Intercessors for America reported.

**...Christian evangelists are seizing the opportunity** to "preach the love of Jesus," as African Christians say. A 75-year-old voodoo sorceress who had cursed a number of individuals was recently brought to faith in Christ and experienced a wonderful deliverance, according to Intercessors.  
<http://www.crosswalk.com/news/524724-.html>

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**...The 2,000 counselors were overworked** as more than 75 percent of the audience at each service indicated decisions to become Christians, Williams said. Crowds totaled 7,500, and 5,400 professed faith in Christ, he said.

**...Williams said he "made it very clear** that we were asking for first time decisions," and people continued to surge forward seeking prayer and counseling. People are desperate for good news in Haiti, where poverty and disease are rampant, he said.

Voodoo has been proclaimed the national religion and many Christian churches mix pagan practices, according to news reports.  
<http://www.crosswalk.com/news/523248.html>